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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

IYER ET AL.

Examiner

Nghi H. Ly

Art Unit

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 5-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-4 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1, 5, 6, 8 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Vainiomaki et al (US 6,529,732).

Regarding claims 1, 5 and 8, Vainiomaki teaches a method of reconciling first format receiver transfer data with second format receiver transfer data comprising: comparing a first format entry of the first format receiver transfer data to a second format entry of the second format receiver transfer data (see abstract and see column 5, line 15 to column 6 line 11), and automatically modifying the first format entry if receiver transfer data of the second format entry is not included in first format entry (also see abstract and see column 8, lines 20-lines 50).

Regarding claim 6, Vainiomaki further teaches determining if the first directed retry list does not include an available cell face identifier of the second directed retry list; and adding the available cell face identifier of the second directed retry list to the first directed retry list if the available cell face identifier is not included in the first directed retry list (see column 2, lines 8-12 and see column 5, line 15 to column 6 line 11, in

order to know a different standard or format between two networks, the teaching of Vainiomaki inherently teaches the retry list).

Regarding claim 9, Vainiomaki further teaches the cell face transfer data is in one of a plurality of Directed Retry List forms (see column 2, lines 8-12).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

5. Claims 7 and 10-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vainiomaki et al (US 6,529,732) in view of Tanaka et al (US 5,335,355).

Regarding claim 7, Vainiomaki teaches the first directed retry list (see column 2, lines 8-12 and see column 5, line 15 to column 6 line 11, in order to know a different standard or format between two networks, the teaching of Vainiomaki inherently teaches the retry list).

Vainiomaki does not specifically disclose retry list is a Reselection List form and the second directed retry list is a Cell Equipage Face form and the step of adding comprises a step of: replacing a no indicator with a yes indicator in the Reselection List form.

Tanaka teaches a Reselection List form and the second directed retry list is a Cell Equipage Face form and the step of adding comprises a step of: replacing a no indicator with a yes indicator in the Reselection List form (see column 2, lines 34-68, see "digital").

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the teaching of Tanaka into the system of the Vainiomaki in order to provide a cellular radio communication system which is capable of selectively using either analog mode or digital mode when exchanging radio communication between a base station and a mobile station apparatus (see Tanaka, column 1, lines 11-16).

Regarding claim 10, the combination of Vainiomaki and Tanaka further teaches the first format is Cell Equipage Face format (see column 2, lines 34-68, see "digital").

Regarding claim 11, the combination of Vainiomaki and Tanaka further teaches the second format is Reselection format (see column 2, lines 34-68, see "digital").

Regarding claim 12, the combination of Vainiomaki and Tanaka further teaches the first cell site data includes a cell site identifier having one or more associated cell face identifiers (see Tanaka, column 7, lines 26-35).

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 2-4 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Regarding claim 2, Vainiomaki teaches the method of Claim 1. Vainiomaki fails to teach the first format entry is a first directed retry list and the second format entry is a second directed retry list, the first and second directed retry lists comprise cell face identification data identifying available transfer receivers and the comparing step comprises: selecting a cell site and an associated cell face, reading first cell face identification data from the first directed retry list associated with the selected cell site and cell face, reading second cell face identification data from the second directed retry list associated with the selected cell site and cell face, and comparing the first identification data to the second cell face identification data.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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- a. Loke (US 6,675,024) teaches system and method for receiving analog and digital signal
- b. Fehnel (US 5,963,869) teaches method and apparatus for management of analog and digital control channel.
- c. Bronner (US 5,873,046) teaches system for communicating in analog or digital mode and mobile station employing the same.


8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nghi H. Ly whose telephone number is (703) 605-5164. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am-5:30 pm Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marsha Banks-Harold can be reached on (703) 305-4379. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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